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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER POSTPONES HIS EUROPEAN TOUR

1. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART
ATHENS ON APRIL 18 FOR OFFICIAL VISITS TO SWITZERLAND,
THE NETHERLANDS AND LUXEMBOURG, FOLLOWED BY UNOFFICIAL
VISITS TO LONDON AND PARIS. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS NOW
POSTPONED THESE VISITS BECAUSE OF ILLNESS

2. THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION ISSUED
A STATEMENT LAST NIGHT (APRIL 15) STATING THAT "PRIME
MINISTER CARAMANLIS HAS BEEN SUFFERING FROM SCIATICA FOR
THE PAST THREE DAYS. AS IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS INDISPOSITION
WILL CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL DAYS MORE, HIS DOCTORS HAVE ADVISED
THE GREEK PREMIER TO AVOID EXCESSIVE STRAIN. IN CONSEQUENCE,
THE PRIME MINISTER HAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE HIS VISITS TO A NUMBER
OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES PLANNED FOR NEXT WEEK. IN ALL PROBABILITY THESE
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VISITS WILL NOW TAKE PLACE IN MAY, WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER IS
SCHEDULED TO GO TO LONDON TO ATTEND THE NATO CONFERENCE. REPORTS
SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF SWITZERLAND, HOLLAND AND LUXEMBOURG,
WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER WAS TO HAVE VISITED OFFICIALLY NEXT WEEK,
HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF HIS STATE OF HEALTH AND THE POSTPONEMENT OF
HIS VISITS. AS REGARDS MR CARAMANLIS' UNOFFICIAL VISITS TO
LONDON AND PARIS AFTER HIS OFFICIAL ROUND, THEY MIGHT TAKE

PLACE AS PLANNED IF MR CARAMANLIS' STATE OF HEALTH ALLOWED."
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